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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Photographic Interpretation Center

SUBJECT : Request for Imagery Analyst Support

REFERENCE : DDI Memorandum to DDCI, 8 July 1977, [redacted] 25X1

1. The Office of Imagery Analysis recently completed a systematic review of its people in an effort to identify specific areas where they could provide you with photo interpreter support during the August-January period. Their review took into account the following factors: the availability of analysts qualified to fill the positions identified in the attachment to your memorandum; priority commitments to support DDI analytical activities such as NIE 11-3/8, SALT, MBFR, [redacted]

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[redacted] and an assessment of the minimum levels of staffing needed to cover the Office's major areas of substantive responsibility. As a result of the review, I have concluded that OIA, by delaying some existing commitments, could provide [redacted] analysts during this period without seriously jeopardizing their analytical support to DDI research programs. [redacted]

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[redacted] In addition, the Director of OGCR has indicated that he would be able to provide an analyst who has a background in photo interpretation.

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2. As you know, in my memorandum to the DDCI regarding your request I recommended that some alternative solutions to your problem be explored before agreeing to shift people from one major organizational component to another on a short-term basis. In my view such a shift would be used only as a last resort. Specifically, I asked about some possible reallocations of workload among NPIC resources and certain adjustments in COMIREX reporting requirements. In connection with the latter issue, I noted in the detailed requirements for the [redacted] positions you identified that about 30 percent of the time would be allocated to preparing basic and periodic reports in response to the National Tasking Plan. Couldn't a large part, if not all of this work, be delayed until your present predicament is resolved?

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3. As I stated in my memorandum to the DDCI, there is no question that the Intelligence Directorate should commit resources if your proposal constitutes the most effective approach to meeting national intelligence requirements, and I stand ready to do so. Before I commit the DDI resources, however, I would like to be assured that all other potential avenues of relief have been fully explored and exploited.



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